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Monday 23 October

- Scholastic Book Fair

Tuesday 24 October

- Scholastic Book Fair

Thursday 26 October

- Beachfront Hub concert

Sunday 29 October

- Lego League competition

Tuesday 31 October

- Footsteps dance [years 5 & 6]

November

Monday 6 November

- Governing Council meeting 7pm

Tuesday 7 November

- Footsteps dance [years 5 & 6]

Monday 13 November

- Welcome to School family evening 4pm

Tuesday 14 November

- Footsteps dance [years 5 & 6]

Friday 17 November

- Zoo excursion [years 1 & 2]

Traffic Monitors:

Week 2

Morning: Milla, Sienna C, Aya & Cora
Afternoon: Louis, Jeffery, Alice & Danielle

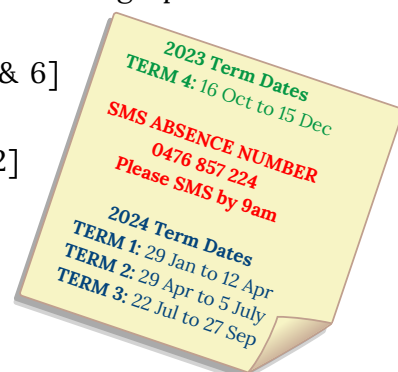
Week 3

Morning: Hugo, Ollie, Luka & Sienna B
Afternoon: Maverick, Amos, Tennyson & Kodis

School values

Bravery - Care

Challenge - Trust



Principal's Welcome

Tracey Bennett

Dear Families,

We hope you and your family had a wonderful 2 week break. It was so lovely to come back to school and be greeted by all the smiling faces. When I am out in the yard or taking parents on a school tour, students always respond when I say hello with a "Hi Tracey how are you?". We have a fabulous school community and I feel very privileged to be able to continue working in such a supportive, caring environment. We would like to welcome Hamish in LA 2-11 to our school. We hope you enjoy your time at PPPS Hamish.



Staff learning

At Paringa Park Primary School we develop resilient, confident, creative learners who embrace challenge within an inclusive and inspiring learning community.

During term 4 we will have a focus on students school uniforms and behaviour. An email has been sent out to families outlining our school dress code policy. School uniform is important because it provides a sense of community that creates the feeling of belonging and safety. PPPS is a learning environment that is supportive, positive, non-discriminating, equitable and safe.

During our staff meeting we delved deeper into our PPPS whole school behaviour strategy and framework that aligns with the Department for Educations Behaviour support policy. We looked at the "why, how and when" of student behaviour to ensure our strategy is consistent, fair and provides an environment where children feel safe and supported. We want our expectations to be transparent by having consistent boundaries for everyone. We will be continuing this work at next week's staff meeting looking at our "Wellbeing and Engagement" data collected from a survey students participated in at the end of term 3.

My favourite quote is ***"Beneath every behaviour is a feeling. And beneath every feeling is a need. And when we meet that need rather than focus on the behaviour, we begin to deal with the cause not the symptom."***

Class Placements 2024

We have started the class placement process and are excited to welcome 87 new reception students to PPPS in 2024. Next year is the first year we will be taking a mid-year reception intake and at this stage we have 22 expressions of interest. We will be starting a new class in term 3.

A letter has been sent via EdSmart to all families regarding our class placement process for 2024. The class placement parent input form needs to be returned to the front office by Friday 27 October. We are unable to accept any late submissions. If you have any questions, please come and see me or talk to one of our fabulous front office staff.

PAYMENTS:

Preferred payment method is via Qkr! Please contact the front office for other payment options and for any payment queries.

Late payments will not be accepted.



Upcoming payments:

- Materials & Services charges
- Footsteps [year 5 & 6] \$20.00 due by 3pm Thursday 26 October
- Adelaide Zoo excursion [LA 1-4, 1-5, 1-6, 1-7 & 1-8] \$31.00 due by 3pm Thursday 9 November
- Belair Beyond Limits excursion [year 4] \$93.00 due by 3pm Thursday 9 November
- Woodhouse camp [year 3] \$205.00 due by 3pm Tuesday 14 November

Words of Wellbeing (WOW)

Jamie Meredith

Wellbeing Strategy at Paringa Park Primary

Wellbeing is very high on the Education Department's improvement agenda for all sites. There is a new strategy for our educational improvement and all schools are looking at ways to improve wellbeing outcomes for students. We are currently working with teachers, students and our Governing Council on the data collected from the Wellbeing and Engagement Survey which was completed by year 4-6 students earlier this year. This information, along with the recent community consultation about our Pastoral Care Worker (PCW) funding, will form the basis for a Wellbeing Strategy for a 3 year period for PPPS. If you have a particular viewpoint or have ideas to contribute in relation to wellbeing, please email me on: jamie.meredith130@schools.sa.edu.au.



Lunch Time Activities

This term we will have the following activities available from week 2. Please be aware, this can change if the PCW Mary, Jon Osborne, Clint Durbridge or Jamie Meredith (Wellbeing Leader) are away.

Monday

- Mindfulness colouring in with Mr Meredith (Wellbeing room)
- Matball with Mr O Year 5-6

Tuesday

- Yoga with Mary (Wellbeing Room)

Wednesday

- Craft with Mary (JP Cola)
- Gym Games with Mr Meredith/Mr Durbridge for Year 4-6

Friday

- Matball with Mr O Year 5-6



What's on in Adelaide:

Disc Golf in Adelaide Parklands or Belair National Park

In the holidays I went with my wife and "hibernating" 15-year-old to the Adelaide Parklands to play disc golf. It is free and super easy to play. All you need is a frisbee for each player and you are away. If you wish to score there is an app called Udisc. It has a score card and navigation system for both the Belair and Adelaide course. A game of 9 holes takes about 45 minutes with 2-4 people. The game is like golf, but you just use a frisbee so it brings everyone down to the same level. It was lots of fun, very easy to play, a nice walk and a great time for us to have a chat. There is no need to book as it is always open and free. I encourage you to give it a go on a sunny Saturday or Sunday afternoon.



Year 6 Canberra Camp

In week 10 of term 3, the year 6s went on their Canberra camp. The purpose of the camp was to give the students an opportunity to participate in a variety of education programs with a focus on Australian history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$90.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

After a very early start (4.30 am at the airport), we travelled by plane to Sydney where we explored the major attractions. These included Circular Quay, Sydney Opera House, Sydney Harbour Bridge, Bondi Beach and the SCG.

After lunch we had the long bus trip to Canberra. When we arrived we had time to settle into our accommodation and have dinner. We were looking forward to the days ahead.

The following days were jam packed with fun activities. Some of these included: the AIS, Old and New Parliament House, Questacon, The National Museum, The War Memorial, The National Art Gallery and much much more!

From asking the year 6s, there were a few favourite activities:

- The Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) - because we were able to test our sporting skills against the best in the country.
 - The New Parliament House - because we could see where our laws are made.
 - The War Memorial - because we could learn more about Australia's history.
- BUT THE MOST POPULAR WAS....**

Questacon - this was because it was interactive and a great way to learn about science.

We all had a great time learning so many interesting things in fun ways. It was a fantastic experience and an awesome way to end the term!



Library

Anne and Emilia

The Book Fair is now open for business. We welcome parents, grandparents, carers and students to shop together before and after school. (Not open Friday afternoon) EFTPOS and cash payment facilities are available. The school receives rewards for all sales which can be used to obtain new books for our library. Last day to purchase is next Tuesday afternoon (24 October).



Science

Kelly Mitchell

A BIG thank you to Dr Andrew Walters and his family for their gift of this telescope for our Science program. Andrew and his family raises funds through their Christmas Light display. Watch this "space" for upcoming viewings.



Assembly Affirmations

Bravery *Care*Challenge* Trust

Esmee M, Jasmine T, June D, Eloise F, Lenny H, Summer H, Rori L, Poppy W & Aliyah S [LA 1-5] ~ For always demonstrating trustworthy behaviour in class and doing their best to make strong choices when those around them aren't.

Patrick B [LA 1-5] ~ For noticing an unsafe situation in the yard and reporting it to the appropriate person. He stood up for what was right and made an incredibly brave and trustworthy choice.

Bravery *Care*Challenge* Trust



Paringa Park Primary

MONDAY

8:00 - 8:45

Learning Room Area 44

Weekly classes will help improve:

- Creativity
- Memory
- Concentration
- Planning Skills
- Independent Decision Making
- General Aptitude for Learning
- Problem Solving
- Teamwork



Learning chess has been shown to improve overall performance at school by nearly 20% compared with children who have not

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